



Maja L. Prentice • Ward 3

Councillor's Report



Fall 2005

Dear Neighbour:

Welcome to the fall/winter 2005 issue of my Councillor's Report. I hope you and your family enjoyed the glorious weather and the abundance of great activities and programs available to you this summer in Ward 3. Without rushing the winter season, in this newsletter I'd like to let you know about important issues, and the many events and activities that are planned during the next months throughout our city.

Your active participation - whether you volunteered to plant flowers in Garnetwood Park, assisted at the Dixie Bloor Neighbourhood Centre, visited our own Applewood Heights Pool on a regular basis, took part in community programs, or attended a ward meeting to voice your opinion on issues - helps make our city a better place in which to live, work and play. There are many more opportunities to be active in Mississauga and I encourage you to get involved in your community.

Also in this newsletter I have included information about the City's 2006 budget process, an update on the new draft Zoning By-law, details about the City's snow clearing programs, and announcements about new and improved City online services. I invite you to catch up on other ward news and stay up-to-date on key issues and meetings by visiting my Ward 3 website at www.mississauga.ca/portal/cityhall/ward3.

As always, I appreciate receiving your comments and concerns. Please e-mail me at maja.prentice@mississauga.ca. You are also welcome to contact my Executive Assistant Linda Downie or my Administrative Assistant Deanna Dubicki at 905-896-5300 and they will direct your inquiry to the appropriate City staff or department. I will personally follow-up on all issues and will get in touch with you if we need to discuss a matter further.

As 2005 comes to a close, I would like to thank you for your ongoing support throughout the year. I wish you and your family an enjoyable fall, winter and holiday season, and much health, happiness and prosperity in 2006.

Maja L. A. Prentice



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Garnetwood Park



September 30th marked the official unveiling of the Garnetwood Park horticultural display bed. The volunteered efforts of The Gardening Network together with the City's Community Services Department worked in partnership to establish

a glorious gateway to Mississauga. There are many opportunities for volunteer organizations to get involved in your community and I encourage you to contact my office if you would like more information on how to get involved.

Temporary Office Location for Mayor and Council

As a result of the ward boundary change and addition of two new Members of Council (to be elected in November, 2006), office renovations will be necessary to accommodate the Mayor and Members of Council in existing office space at the Civic Centre. During spring 2006, our offices will be temporarily relocated to 950 Burnhamthorpe Road (old Consumer's Gas building) until the renovations are complete.

All Council and Committee meetings will be held at this temporary location. All phone and fax numbers and e-mail addresses will remain the same.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Dixie Bloor Neighbourhood Centre Update

Dixie Bloor Neighbourhood Centre operates a Mentoring Partnership which is an important forward step in helping immigrant and foreign trained professionals overcome barriers to employment in their field.

This partnership creates matches between new immigrants (Mentees) with established professionals (Mentors) in the same profession. Orientation sessions are provided for both. Mentors have a combination of knowledge and business experience to guide the mentee and help them access professional networks. 77 per cent of our mentees have engineering degrees, followed by accounting, IT, and banking.

To become a Mentor, visit www.thementoringpartnership.com or call Nitin Dhora at 905-624-2442.

Early Years programs for parents/caregivers and pre-school children are offered at Central Parkway Mall, Havenwood Public School, and the former Cherry Hill School on Tomken Road. For more information, please call 905-276-6392.

An employment resource room is available at High Point Mall on the 4th floor and settlement services and volunteer opportunities are located in the Fieldgate Plaza. Language instruction is available in levels 1 to 6. For more information, please call 905-629-1873 or visit their website at www.dixiebloor.ca.

Applewood Heights Pool - A Community Asset

Applewood Heights Pool was the "hot" spot this summer. Participant enrolment in lessons and pool rentals was up slightly, but the increased usage by far (41 per cent) was in the number of participants enjoying a recreational swim. Applewood Heights Pool is one of the few outdoor pools left in the City of Mississauga and I am pleased to see that residents value such an important asset to the community.



Civic Recognition Evening

In May, I had the pleasure of congratulating the outstanding contribution of Mississauga volunteers at the City's Civic Recognition event. I am pictured here with Icyline Seaton, Executive Member of the Dixie Bloor Neighbourhood Committee.



Region Award Presentation

As Chair of the Waste Management Sub-Committee, I was honoured to attend the 2005 American Public Works Association Top Ten Public Works Leader of the Year Award. This year Mitch Zamojc, Commissioner of Public Works for the Region of Peel, became the 26th Canadian to be honoured with this award in its 46 year history. From l to r: Chief Administrative Officer Roger Maloney, Regional Chair Emil Kolb, Mitch and Maja.



Queen Frederica BBQ

The Peel Living Annual Barbecue for the tenants of 3070 and 3130 Queen Frederica Drive was held on August 23. A beautiful sunny day was a perfect backdrop for yet another fun and exciting afternoon in Ward 3. Many families enjoyed the opportunity to talk to their long time neighbours and meet new friends. The children had a great time playing together while munching on hotdogs and hamburgers. I was joined by Glen O'Brecht, Director of Property Management - Peel Living and Ted Mendrek, Public Education Officer of the Mississauga Fire Department.

OUT AND ABOUT IN WARD 3



Photo by Amy Tjen

Mississauga Chinese Arts Festival

Congratulations to the Mississauga Board of Chinese Professionals and Businesses on the successful opening of the second Mississauga Chinese Arts Festival in July. I attended the event with Mayor McCallion, Councillor Carlson (Ward 6) and other community dignitaries.



Mississauga Real Estate Board

Affordable housing is a concern for many residents in Mississauga. I am delighted to have the opportunity to work with the Mississauga Real Estate Board and the Region of Peel in discussing the possibilities to enhance the number of affordable housing units in Mississauga. We all agree that our objective is to create cost effective and quality housing.

Left to Right - Sue Ryan, President-Elect and Chair, Government Relations for the Mississauga Real Estate Board, Councillor Maja Prentice, Keith Ward, Commissioner of Housing, Region of Peel and Councillor Pat Mullin, Ward 2.

On May 13, 2005 I was honoured at the Government Relations Lunch hosted by the Mississauga Real Estate Board in appreciation of special guidance and support of the Political Action Committee for the Mississauga Real Estate Board.



City Fire and Emergency Services Win First Place At International Auto Extrication Competition

Our team placed first overall at the 2005 International Auto Extrication Competition in Fort Lauderdale where teams from around the world competed using extrication tools to open vehicles and rescue crash victims in staged scenarios. The team consisted of firefighters: Dan Boyer, Luc Dallaire, Trevor Shea, Adam Smith, Mark McKechnie, team captain John Mann, coach Paul Simpson and team manager Herb Sanderson.

Team Captain John Mann won the Al Mooring Award, named after a Mississauga firefighter, for providing excellent direction to his team and strong leadership ability. Team member Trevor Shea won the Medic Award for providing the highest ranked service to the staged car crash victim.



Mississauga International Children's Festival

The Mississauga International Children's Festival celebrated its 10th Anniversary in June 2005. The Official Opening Ceremonies took place on June 14 and included (pictured l to r) Ron Starr, Chair, Mayor McCallion, Jack Grunsky, children's entertainer, and Maja Prentice, Vice Chair. The festival ran from June 14 to 17 and included many local and international children's entertainers. Planning for next year's festival is well underway. For further details, visit www.kidsfestival.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Open House Community Meetings

In an effort to keep you informed about important issues and developments throughout the Ward, as well as an opportunity for me to meet as many constituents in person as possible, I am scheduling a couple of community meetings.

On hand will be representatives from various City and Regional Departments to provide you with an overview of their responsibilities and, of course, plenty of opportunity for your questions.

Watch your mailbox for notification of the community meeting in your neighbourhood.

Celebrate the Season

Date: Friday, November 25
Time: 7 p.m.
Location: Mississauga Civic Centre

Sparkle your senses with music, magical entertainment, face painting, gingerbread making, warm treats, Santa Clause and more! For more information contact 905-896-5000 or see www.mississauga.ca/celebratetheseason.

UPDATES

2006 Budget Process Underway

Planning for the City's 2006 Budget is well underway. To help Council and the public understand the impact to programs and services, all departments are making service presentations to Council for review.

Budget Process

- How does the budget get approved?

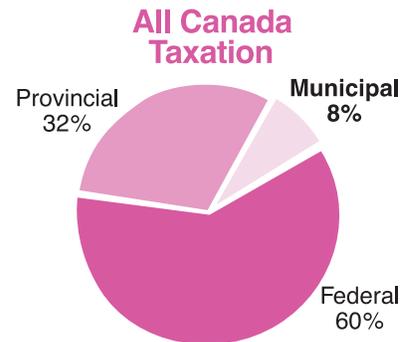
Departments prepare annual budgets on service levels for review by Council and the Budget Committee, a committee of Council. The Budget Committee reviews the budget documents and makes decisions based on Council direction. The final step in the budget process is the approval by the Budget Committee and the recommendation of the budget to Council.

Timeline

- How long does the budget process take?

Departments present their budgets to Council from May through October. The Budget Committee meetings begin in June and are scheduled for October and December. The Budget Committee presents the budget to Council in January for approval.

For more information on the budget or to view the service presentations or the Budget Committee presentations see www.mississauga.ca/portal/cityhall/budget.



Etobicoke Creek Trail

The Community Services Department has received final approvals from all approving bodies to install two pedestrian bridges between Garnetwood Park and Eglinton Avenue. Negotiations have continued with the City of Toronto regarding their share of funding of the bridge just north of Rathburn Road.

As the bridge is a shared boundary bridge between the two municipalities, a formal agreement is being drafted and is expected to go before both City of Mississauga and City of Toronto councils this fall. When the

agreements have been signed, it is the goal of both cities to have the bridges completed by the end of the year. Once the bridges are complete, the trail will be paved and the finishing landscape touches will be done.

The Community Services Department is currently designing an access to the Etobicoke Creek Trail from the east end of Rathburn Road. The design is scheduled to be completed early this fall.

For more information, contact either Michael Gusche at 905-896-5363 or Richard Roberts at 905-615-4210.

New Draft Zoning By-law Review - Next Steps

The public participation phase of the Comprehensive Zoning By-law Review has now been completed. During the winter and spring of this year, my colleagues on Council and I hosted meetings in each of the City's nine wards, and a general city-wide meeting was held at the Civic Centre on June 6.

Staff are now in the process of reviewing these comments received from residents, internal and external agencies. The new Draft Zoning By-law may be revised accordingly.

After this date, a report on comments will be prepared and sent to Planning and Development Committee in January 2006, at which time a formal public meeting will be held.

The public meeting date will be advertised in the local newspaper, posted on the City's website at www.mississauga.ca and available on the Zone Phone information line at 905-615-4920.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the residents who attended the meeting for our Ward. Your comments are important to the review process.

Considering Your Snow Removal Options

In the past, some seniors and people with disabilities turned to the Snow Removal Match Program to help them find a student volunteer who could assist with shovelling snow on their property. This program, which was administered by a number of community organizations in partnership with the City of Mississauga, will no longer be operating.

Despite the best efforts of many committed community groups and volunteers, this program has not successfully met the needs of seniors and people with disabilities. Student volunteers were often unavailable at a moment's notice (due to school and other commitments) to assist when they were needed most. In addition, supervision and liability issues limited the flexibility of the program.

In the absence of the Snow Removal Match Program, residents are encouraged to explore different options:

- ☂ Relying on family members, friends and neighbours is probably the most reliable and cost-effective option.
- ☂ Many of the youth in your neighbourhood will require 40 hours of volunteer work to graduate from high school. By contacting a high school counsellor's office in your area, you may be able to find a student willing to do shovelling and other duties such as yard work.
- ☂ Your local place of worship may also have volunteers on hand who are willing to assist with snow removal duties.
- ☂ There are a number of contractors in Mississauga who can be commissioned at the beginning of the year to come to your home following each and every snow fall. Check the Yellow Pages under Snow Ploughing or Snow Removal Service.
- ☂ The City of Mississauga will continue to offer financial assistance to low income seniors or people with disabilities who qualify (i.e. recipient of the Guaranteed Income Supplement).

To find out more information about the subsidy and to see if you qualify, please contact the Finance Division at 905-896-5266.

For tips and more information about snow removal, please visit

www.mississauga.ca/snowtips

DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

Stone Manor Developments

Stone Manor Developments (3081 and 3101 Constitution Blvd., 1127 Dundas Street East and 3046 and 3050 Palstan Road) submitted an application to the City of Mississauga for 72 condominium townhouse dwellings. As a result, I hosted a community meeting on October 26, 2004 where a number of comments, concerns and objections were presented. Mayor McCallion, senior staff and I were on hand to hear the comments of the residents in attendance. Major concerns expressed were additional density, traffic impact, on-street parking, reduction in open space, loss of the daycare facility and loss of parking for Applewood Heights Park.

In order to best represent the residents and their concerns, I initiated a focus group which met on three occasions. In response to the concerns raised, the applicant amended its application on March 10, 2005 to comprise seven detached free hold lots fronting on Constitution Blvd. and 71 townhouse units. The applicant eliminated the access from Constitution Blvd. and relocated the access off Palstan Road through the purchase of additional lands.

A community open house was held on April 5, 2005 when the modified plan was presented to residents. A formal public meeting before the Planning and Development Committee was held on June 13, 2005 when a Corporate Report outlining the application was presented. This was the first opportunity for Council to review the details of the application and provide their comments.

Jim Levac of Korsiak and Company attended on behalf of the applicant to present its application. A total of six residents came forward at the Committee meeting to express their support and/or concerns with the application. The Corporate Report appeared on the August 10, 2005 Council Agenda and Council adopted it at that time.

I want to take this opportunity to thank not only the focus group who were very committed and dedicated to working towards an amicable resolution to the residents' concerns, but also all the residents who contacted my office with their comments and suggestions.

Shell Canada, 1349 Burnhamthorpe Road

On August 10, 2005, Council adopted a zoning by-law which has resulted in the rezoning of lands, located at the northwest corner of Dixie Road and Burnhamthorpe Road East, to permit a car wash.

Other plans for the site include replacement of the existing gas bar and service kiosk with new fuel pumps and a small convenience store, in conjunction with the proposed car wash building. To improve safety at the intersection, access points will be consolidated and moved back from the immediate corner.



On October 7, my colleagues on Council and I hosted an annual "Council Cooks" barbeque with proceeds going to the City of Mississauga's 2005 United Way Campaign. I'm pleased to report that the event, including a bake sale and truck pull, was a tremendous success and raised more than \$2000 for this worthy community organization. I encourage you to participate in United Way events because, without you, there would be no way! I am pictured here with, from l to r, Ward 9 Councillor Pat Saito, Ward 1 Councillor Carmen Corbasson and Debbie Thomson, councillor support for Ward 8.

BURNHAMTHORPE COMMUNITY CENTRE HOLIDAY SEASON 905-615-4630

WELCOME



Outdoor Skating Rink

Free Public Skate Times:

- * Sundays 12pm-3pm
- * Mon to Fri 10am-12pm
- * Mondays 3pm-4:30pm
- * Thursdays 3pm-5pm
- * Saturdays 11am-3pm

Adult Stick & Puck: (\$2.75)

- * Mon-Fri 1:00pm-2:30pm

Indoor Skating Rink

Public Skate: (\$2.75)

- * Mondays 2:30-4:00pm
- * Fridays 7:15pm-8:45pm

Senior Skate: (Free)

- * Mondays 10am-12pm
- * Fridays 10am-12pm

Parent/Tot Stick & Puck:

- * Mondays 12:30-2:00pm

HOLIDAY CAMPS!

Funseekers Camp:

Starts: Jan 2nd 2006 (5 days)
Time: 9am-12pm
Fee: \$35.25
Ages: 7-12

Basketball Camp:

Starts: Jan 2nd 2006 (5 days)
Time: 1:00pm-4:00pm
Fee: \$61.50
Ages: 6-8 or 9-11



Hockey Skills n' Drills Camp:

Starts: Dec 27th 2005 (4 days)
Time: 9am-12pm
Fee: \$76.00

Starts: Jan 2nd 2006 (5 days)

Time: 9am-12pm
Fee: \$45.60

GLENFOREST INDOOR POOL

3575 Fieldgate Dr.
behind Glenforest
School. 905-615-4630
ext.2509



Swim for Life!

**Preschool, Private,
Semi Private classes**

Begin November 9th 2005.

Fun Swims

Friday 7:00pm-8:30pm
Sat & Sun 1:35pm-3pm

Length Swim

Mon & Fri 8:30pm-9:30pm
Wednesday 9:00-10:00pm
Saturday 12:35pm-1:30pm
Sunday 12:35pm-1:30pm

Outdoor Hockey Programs

Shinny 9-13 years old (\$1.00)

- * Tuesdays 3:30pm-4:30pm

Shinny 14-18 years old (\$1.00)

- * Wed & Fri 3:00pm-4:30pm

Hockey Skills n' Drills

(5 weeks)

*includes dry land training

Starts: Thurs Nov. 24th

Fee \$38.00

Time: 5:00pm-6:30pm

Ages: 7-12

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(5 weeks)

*includes dry land training

Starts: Thurs Jan .19th

Fee \$38.00

Time: 5:00pm-6:30pm

Ages: 7-12



Fitness

Fitness Classes Include:

Yoga,
Hip Hop Urban Moves
High/Low Fitness
Osteo
NIA
Meditation
Basic Fitness
Butt Legs & Core
Pilates
Spicy Fit
Belly Dance
and more.....



**Free
Tim
Horton
Skates!**

Date: Dec 30, 2005
Time: 7:15 - 8:45pm

Date: Jan 2, 2006
Time: 2:30 - 4:00pm

Date: Jan 6, 2006
Time: 7:15 - 8:45pm



**FRIDAY NIGHT
YOUTH DROP-IN
6:30-8:30PM \$2.00
PING PONG, BUMPER
POOL, MINI POOL, PLAY
STATION, CARDS,
DOMINO'S, AND
MORE.....**

TEEN JAMS/DANCES \$3

\$2.00

With Coupon
November 25th & Dec 16th 2005
Grades: 6, 7, 8



New Online Services Expand Access to City Services

eCity, the City of Mississauga's award-winning website, is a municipal leader with over 25 City services available online. On November 26, the City of Mississauga will celebrate eCity's second anniversary by introducing a series of new online services to make it even easier for residents to access the City. Here is just a sample of what's coming this fall:

Build your City of Mississauga career at www.mycitycareer.ca: Starting a career at the City of Mississauga could be just a few clicks away. On November 26, the City of Mississauga will be introducing mycitycareer.ca, the new website where you can view all City job opportunities and apply for them all in one place. The City is moving to an online recruiting system where applications for City jobs will only be accepted online.

See a job that interests you? Simply start a personal profile and submit your resume. Don't see anything right now? Having a personal profile enables you to save resumes for future use. Saved resumes can also be updated as new skills and work experiences are acquired. You can also subscribe to CareerAlert, a service that will e-mail employment opportunities to you that match the criteria you designate when subscribing. This is your start and we're making it better. Visit www.mycitycareer.ca to build your City career.

Locate City places and services through eMaps: Residents will be able to view what's in their neighbourhoods by using this new interactive mapping service that can search for intersections, landmarks and City facilities like parks and arenas, and click on points of interest for more detail, such as City building layouts and parking areas.

Plan your City bus trip through Customer Transit Information: A new online trip planning service for Mississauga Transit is coming to eCity. Customers will be able to plan transit trips online based on origin/destination, by address or landmark, date, start and arrival time, quickest route, least number of transfers and least amount of walking. Customers will also receive a printout of their preferred trip with all connections, times, directions and walking distances.

Reserve a Library computer through Workstation Booking: The Mississauga Library System has over 275 computer terminals available for public use. Beginning in December, users will be able to reserve workstations online ahead of time using their library cards. No more waiting in line for a machine, just walk up to your reserved terminal and start working!

Book your tee time online through eGolf: Booking a tee-off time has never been easier. Starting in August, golfers will be able to book tee-off times for BraeBen golf course on eCity.

Submit your form or service request through eForms: Filling out forms and submitting a request for service is now easier with the addition of the new fillable forms and service request centres on eCity coming in November.

Be sure to visit www.mississauga.ca for all the latest online services available on eCity.

DID YOU KNOW ?... The City's Leaf Vacuum Pick-up Program is available in areas of Mississauga that are very heavily treed and 30 years or older. Residents in these areas are notified by a flyer by the middle of October regarding pick-up for that season. For this fall season, the leaf vacuum pick-up areas in Ward 3 will remain the same as in 2004. For more information on leaf vacuum pick-up call 905-615-3000. For regular curb-side pick-up call the Region of Peel at 905-791-9499.

DID YOU KNOW ?... During or after a snowfall, major roads and collector routes are cleared first to ensure that emergency service vehicles like fire trucks and ambulances can travel safely. All other roads are cleared, and/or salted within 24 hours of the end of a snowfall. With heavy snowfalls or successive storms, this timing can be extended to 48 hours depending on the severity of the snowfall. If you require more information, call the Works Division at 905-615-3000.

DID YOU KNOW ?... Parking in Mississauga is limited to three hours unless otherwise posted. Therefore, on most streets you cannot park longer than three hours at any time. You can, however, request a special consideration for parking. In order to request a consideration, contact Parking Control at 905-896-5678 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays. After 4 p.m. or on weekends, call 905-615-3000.

DID YOU KNOW ?... On September 6, Mississauga Transit introduced new Route 20 which now offers all day bus service along Rathburn between Square One and the Islington Subway Station. Route 21 Rathburn/Tomken will no longer be in service. For more information about this and other Mississauga Transit route and schedule information affecting service in Ward 3, call 905-615-INFO (4636).

For more information on any of the items listed above, please visit my website at www.mississauga.ca/portal/cityhall/ward3.



Important Numbers

Animal Control	905-896-5858	Parking Control	905-896-5678
Burnhamthorpe Community Centre	905-615-4630	Peel District School Board	905-890-1099
Burnhamthorpe Library	905-615-4635	Peel Regional Police	905-453-3311
By-law Enforcement	905-896-5655	Police Bloor Street Community Station	905-456-5841
Central Library	905-615-3500	3461 Dixie Rd. (northeast corner of Bloor St. and Dixie Rd.)	
City after-hours dispatch	905-615-3000	Poison Control Centre	416-813-5900
Distress Line Peel	905-278-7208	Property Taxes	905-896-5575
Dufferin Peel Catholic District School Board	905-890-1221	Recreation and Parks	905-615-4100
Enersource	905-273-9050	Recycling, garbage pickup, Britannia Landfill	905-791-9499
Graffiti Reporting	905-896-5655	Region of Peel after-hours dispatch	905-791-7800
GO Transit	416-869-3200	Region of Peel Water (24 hours)	905-791-7800
Health Line Peel	905-799-7700	Region of Peel Water Billing	905-791-8711
Living Arts Centre ticket information	905-306-6000	Tomken Twin Rinks Arena	905-615-4620
www.livingarts.on.ca			
Ministry of Environment	1-800-565-4923		
Ministry of Health	905-275-2730		
Mississauga Ambulance	905-844-4242		
Mississauga Crime Prevention Association	905-615-6272		
Mississauga Fire	905-615-3777		
Mississauga Transit	905-615-4636		

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Eastern Power Update

On Monday, September 19, 2005 Council approved a staff recommendation to request that the Ministry of Environment (MOE) "bump-up" the environmental review of the proposed Greenfield South Power Project to an individual Environmental Assessment.

This staff recommendation was based on a review of the Environmental Screening and Review Report for the project by City staff

and City-retained peer review consultants, and through discussions with staff from the Region of Peel and Toronto Region Conservation Authority, which identified outstanding environmental and health and safety concerns.

At the Council meeting, Mayor McCallion advised that she has spoken to the Minister about the two proposed sites (Greenfield North Power Project and Greenfield South Power Project), and advised him that it was

her opinion that the north site would be more acceptable, given the current need for power plants and availability of more appropriate locations for them in Mississauga. A Council recorded vote was taken with eight 'yes' votes and one 'no' vote.

The Director of the Environmental Assessment and Approvals Branch of the MOE, who acknowledged receipt of the City's request for a 'bump-up,' will now review the relevant information and make his decision.

Saving Electricity With Solar Powered Transit Shelters

As Ontario's power consumption continues to escalate, the City of Mississauga has found a new and innovative way to save electricity and taxpayers' money. By the end of this year, 23 new transit shelters that do not contain advertising will be installed with solar powered lighting, resulting in significant cost and energy savings for the City and reducing dependency on the electrical power grid.

In 2004, the City entered into a pilot project with Viacom Outdoor where 39 bus shelters were installed with solar powered lights. With the successful completion of this project, it was decided to install solar lights in new shelters. As well, when existing shelters without advertisements are relocated due to road and intersection improvements, they will be retrofitted with the solar kits. In 2005, 10 such shelters will be retrofitted.

Developed by Carmanah Technologies Inc., this solar power technology not only saves on electricity use, but is also an environmentally friendly source of energy that is reliable in all conditions. By installing solar powered lights, the City expects to save approximately \$400 annually per shelter in hydro costs. Viacom will also save the cost of providing an electrical connection to the power source.

The solar powered Light Emitting Diodes (LED) lighting used in transit shelters is designed to be extremely durable and reliable, withstanding shock, heavy vibration and UV degradation and operating in temperatures ranging from -40°C to +80°C. Intelligent battery power management systems monitor battery levels and can operate for up to 14 days without recharging.

Energy Saving Tips

- Make Energy Conservation a Personal Commitment

- Drive a little less - plan your trips
- Use the transit, take a bike ride or walk
- Don't idle in drive-throughs, outside schools or waiting for a train
- Ten minutes of daily idling wastes \$150 worth of gasoline annually
- Use air conditioning sparingly
- Keep tire pressure up and change your air filter often
- Driving at 120 kph wastes 20 per cent more fuel than driving 100 kph
- Keep your engine tuned and use ethanol gasoline - it burns cleaner
- Evaluate your car/SUV - is it a gas guzzler?
- Consider a fuel efficient vehicle for your next purchase/lease
- Smaller cars are safer than ever, comfortable and energy efficient
- Reduce the number of cars you own
- Car-pool to work/shopping

In your home:

- Purchase Energy Star appliances, windows, televisions and computers
- Use a microwave or toaster oven instead of a conventional stove
- Wash and rinse clothes in cold water
- Keep your furnace clean and maintained - change your filter often
- Check doors and windows for leaks
- Upgrade the caulking
- Upgrade your insulation

- Use a programmable thermostat
- Lower your thermostat by 1 degree Celsius and save 2 per cent of your heating bill
- Make sure your ducts are air tight
- Open your blinds during the day in winter and close them at night
- Remove window air conditioners in winter
- Set your water heater at medium low
- Unplug the old fridge in the basement/garage
- Air-dry your clothes for 24 hours before finishing in the dryer (15 minutes versus one hour)
- Replace 10 regular light bulbs with 10 compact fluorescent lights and save about \$80 per year
- Insulate your hot water pipes
- Replace leaky fixtures/washers
- Shower instead of bath
- Install a \$20 low-flow shower head and save 60 per cent of the water
- Avoid wasting water for shaving and brushing teeth
- Recycle everything you can (recycling metal, glass and paper saves up to 90 per cent of the cost of creating new products)
- Re-use or pass along useable household items such as furniture, clothing, toys, etc
- Plant trees around your home to cool it naturally

For more information please visit:

www.climatechange.com, www.ecosource.ca,
www.oeenrcan.gc.ca, www.energystar.gc.ca,
www.mississauga.ca/idlefree,
www.eneract.org.